(c) and (d) The 'aged' people are being looked after and taken care of under the following schemes.

(i) Old age pension scheme of State Government/Union Territory Administrations (ii) Old Age Homes, numbering 22 and Day Care Centres, numbering 126, run by Voluntary Organisations receiving grant in aid under the General Grant-in-aid Scheme of the Ministry of Welfare.

(e) It is proposed to set-up more old age homes and day care centres.

Ayurvedic College in Jammu

229. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Ayurvedic College in Jammu; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a. and (b) There was an Ayurvedic) College in Jammu, which was closed down by the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

चल औषधालय

230. **कुमारी आलिया** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने ग्रामीण तथा पिछड़े इलाकों में नि:शुल्क स्वास्थ्य सेवा उपलब्ध करने के लिए कुछ चल औषधालय चलाने की योजना बनाई है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डॉ०के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ): (क) और (ख) सरकार ने ग्रामीण तथा पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में चलते-फिरते औषधालय चलाने के लिए अभी तक कोई ठोस योजना तैयार नहीं की है।

Development of Simple Contraceptive

231. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the possibility of developing a simple and effective contraceptive without recourse to surgery for the success of Family Planning in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount of funds provided for the research components in the family planning programme and what are the achievements till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) A non-steroidal Weekly oral contraceptive pill developed by the Central Drugs Research Institute (CDRI) Lucknow has already been introduced in Delhi area. Besides, research is being carried out on various other non-surgical contraceptive devices/ methods. These include (i) Vaso-occlusive Device for blocking vas of the males (ii) Spermicidal creams (iii) Contraceptive Vaccines for males/females (iv) Quanacrine pellets for female sterilisation. The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi has also been conducting screening and Pharmacological studies of the Oral Contraceptive agents. Under this Programme, studies are continuing on AYUSH AC-IV, K. Capsule, Pippalyadi Yoga and Vandhyavari (vicoa indica).

(c) The details of funds provided to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi, the Central Drugs Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow and Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi for carrying out basic, clinical and operational research under the family welfare programme are indicated in the enclosed statement (*See* below). They have completed clinical trial on various types of Cu-I, combined Oral Contraceptive pills, injectables like Net-oen and implant like Norplant etc. Further, they are undertaking research/trial on non-surgical methods of termination of pregnancy and research is on for improving utilisation of available technology and knowledge, basic research for contraception/ reproductive biology, and other related studies for improvinga Family Welfare Services.